

Torrance, California  
December 23, 1952

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, December 23, 1952, at 8:02 p.m., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:  
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

City Manager Stevens led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Benstead stated that he wished to correct his motion in the minutes of December 9th where it says he recommended the issuance of a license to Mr. and Mrs. Trahan for the operation of a gymnasium and recreation center, as it was his intention to deny the license in concurrence with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Councilman Blount moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9th as corrected be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Mayor Schwab announced this was the time and place for the opening of bids on pumping equipment. City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

| Bidder                 | Item 1     | Item 2   | Item 3  | Total<br>Items 2 & 3 |
|------------------------|------------|----------|---------|----------------------|
| Fairbanks, Morse & Co. | \$6,714.00 | \$2,595. | \$59.00 | \$2,654.00           |
| Wintroath Pumps, Inc.  | 6,825.00   | 2,922.   | 78.00   | 3,000.00             |
| Peerless Pump          | 6,040.00   | No Bid   | No Bid  | -                    |
| Byron-Jackson Co.      | 7,932.00   | 2,661.   | 66.80   | 2,727.80             |
| Johnston Pump Co.      | 6,539.42   | No Bid   | No Bid  | -                    |

10% deposits accompanied each bid:

Councilman Drale moved the bids be accepted and referred to the City Manager for study during recess and that the lowest bid be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Mayor Schwab announced this was the time and place for the opening of bids on (1) Comprehensive Liability, including Automobiles, (2) Fire, Theft and Comprehensive Insurance on City Vehicles and (3) Moneys and Securities. Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following insurance bids:

1. Lund Co. submitted the only bid which read:

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| One Year, General Liability - Flat Charge       | \$ 7,405.00      |
| One Year, Owned automobiles only - per schedule | <u>11,836.56</u> |
| Total One Year Deposit Premium                  | \$19,241.56      |

2. Torrance General Insurance Agency submitted the only bid as follows:

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| Item #2 of specifications for Fire, Theft and comprehensive on City Vehicles - Total Premium - - - - | \$463.29 |
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3. Lund Co. - Renewal of Policy #BMS11388-Moneys & Securities for a three year period - Premium - - - -

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| Alter Realty & Insurance - Policy in the amount of \$2,000.00 inside and \$1,000.00 outside, for a three year term at manual rate - - - - | \$168.75 |
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Councilman Drale moved the bids be accepted and referred to City Manager Stevens for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Mayor Schwab announced this was the time and place for the opening of bids on 12" Cast Iron, Distribution Water Mains. Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following:

| <u>Bidder</u>                    | <u>Amount of Bid</u>  |
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| Mutual Pipe Line Co.             | \$2.25 per lin.ft.<br>12" Gate Valves - \$25.00 each<br>10" Gate Valves - 15.00 "<br>6" Gate Valves - 10.00 " |
| E. W. Cannell                    | Total Bid \$12,012.00   |
| Sam Pearce                       | Total Bid \$ 4,350.00   |
| J. E. Young Pipe Line Contractor | \$1.97 per lin.ft.  |

10% deposits accompanied each bid.

City Manager Stevens recommended the bids be referred to Mr. McVicar, Water Superintendent, for checking to determine the lowest bidder. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Tide Water Associated Oil Company reporting no earnings for the twelve months preceding December 2, 1952 under Los Angeles Franchise Ordinance No. 1351. Matter of record.

Letter from M. L. Hoffenberg requesting traffic controls on Calle Miramar and Calle Mayor, and the elimination of island bordering on Calle Miramar and Via Bonita in Hollywood Riviera.

Councilman Blount moved the request be referred to the Traffic Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from John Lyhos asking for refund in the amount of \$8.00 on unused building permit.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted. Councilman Spelman seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Shoreline Planning Association, quoting excerpt from letter from Chief of the Division of Beaches and Parks, relative to development of state-owned park lands and beach parks.

Councilman Drale discussed our beach frontage in Hollywood Riviera, and moved the communication be studied by our Recreation and Park Commissions. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Transmittal Form submitted by Assistant to City Engineer Patrick, for subdivision of Tract No. 18767, containing 60 Lots to be developed by C. G. Frame and E. N. Frame at Northwest corner of Yukon and 190th Street.

There was some discussion on the sewerage of this tract. City Manager Stevens advised there was a sewer at 182nd Street, about 1900 feet off the proposed subdivision, and that it could be sewerage. Councilman Drale moved the tract be approved and that the subdivider install the sewers. Councilman Blount asked that the motion include the special conditions of the 13th. Councilman Drale reworded his motion. Councilman Spelman seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick on proposed Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3, advising that 52% of the property owners are in favor of this district.

City Manager Stevens stated that something should be done as the people in this area are in need of sewers; that the creation of this district would be one way of getting them; and that most of the property owners want the sewers. He said that if the Council approved the district, the County Health Department would submit a letter indicating the need, from a sanitary health point, and this would eliminate a lot of work on the part of the Engineering Department. Councilman Spelman discussed the procedure, and moved the request for the creation of said sewer district be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Letter from City of Redondo Beach requesting the City Council take immediate steps to end the flow of water and mud from the new subdivision located on the east boundary of Redondo Beach.

In reply to the question of what could be done to remedy this condition, City Manager Stevens said that the City had stopped giving final inspections on the tract, and that he did not think any planting had been done by the subdivider. Lengthy discussion followed on the course of action to be taken, Councilman Drale suggesting we withhold the release of their bond and the making of final inspections until the conditions set forth by the Engineering Department are carried out.

City Attorney Hall suggested the matter be referred to him for his recommendation. Councilman Drale so moved. Councilman Spelman asked that the motion include - that a letter be written to the City of Redondo Beach informing them of our action. The motion was amended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letter from City of Redondo Beach asking that the City take action against contractors using heavy equipment, which has damaged their street pavement and private property, while working in the new subdivision adjacent the east city limits of Redondo Beach, namely Avenues "A" and "E", and that all damage be guaranteed by the contractors.

City Manager Stevens stated that this matter is entirely a problem for Redondo Beach; that "we cannot do anything about them going over their streets - if it is our street, it is different - it is a problem of using a public street - if they destroy it, they should be held liable." Mr. Stevens said the contractors had been asked to keep off, but believed material damage had already been done. Councilman Drale moved that the City Manager advise the City of Redondo Beach, by letter, that we will cooperate with them in every way possible. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Request from Yellow Cab Co. of Torrance for a hearing on their application to increase taxicab rates.

Councilman Drale moved the Mayor set a date for the hearing and that any communication from the Chief of Police be presented at that time. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Mayor Schwab set January 13th as the date of the hearing and asked that City Manager Stevens notify the Yellow Cab Co. of the date.

Letter from Torrance General Insurance Agency recommending an amendment to the Specifications for Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Insurance for the City.

City Manager Stevens said it was not necessary to read the entire letter as no bid had been submitted by them. Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the letter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Telegram from State Highway Engineer advising that adoption of a freeway routing in Orange and Los Angeles Counties between Route 2, near El Toro and Florence Avenue in Inglewood, is under consideration. Matter of record.

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Letter from Recreation Commission requesting the Council grant the Little League Baseball a lease to a triangular piece of land at the Municipal Airport located on 101 Highway, the lease to be a year to year renewal by the Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Commission.

Mr. Evans of the Little League Baseball, who was in the audience, asked if the Council would consider a five year lease instead of a year to year lease, explaining that after five years the League would be in a better position to know if the project was successful. Mr. Evans was told that it was first necessary to get the approval of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, but that in the meantime the Council could get together with the Recreation Commission and the League Committee for discussion. Mr. Evans was told further that the City could do nothing in the matter until approval was first obtained from the C.A.A. City Manager Stevens stated he had talked with them, and they were desirous of certain information, such as size of structures and what was going to be on the land. Councilman Spelman suggested that the League Committee give all the desired information to Mr. Stevens so he could pass it on to the C.A.A. Councilman Drale wondered if the City would be setting a precedent if a lease to city-owned property were given the League. He asked that they first consider using one of our baseball diamonds. The League Committee advised that these diamonds had been considered but were not large enough. The Committee was assured that the Council is looking favorably on this project and will try to work with them.

Letter from Recreation Commission asking that they be informed when the Capital Outlay Funds are available. Matter of record.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

#### PERSONNEL:

1. That the following personnel be appointed to serve their probationary periods, effective January 1, 1953, in the classifications and at the compensation indicated:
  - (a) Ladeene Chamberlain, Administrative Secretary, fourth step.
  - (b) Don Lemen, Assistant Electrical Inspector, third step.
  - (c) Robert G. Barnhart, Laborer in Street Dept., first step.
  - (d) Richard C. Bingham, Laborer in Street Dept., first step.
  - (e) Marvin J. Tylor, " " " " "
2. That the following personnel be employed on a temporary basis:
  - (a) Joseph A. Kuddee, Bus Operator, effective December 13, 1952, first step.
  - (b) Vernon W. Harrison, Janitor, effective December 16, 1952, first step.
3. That Sgt. C. Cook, Police Department, be authorized to attend the Delinquency Control Institute on March 2 to May 22, 1953.

Councilman Spelman moved that the recommendations under "Personnel" be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To James Montgomery, the sum of \$3,384.82 for extra work involved in changing plans and specifications to secure separate bids for materials and construction, also cost of preparing requests and forms for C.M.P. allocations. (From Water Bond Funds).

2. To James Montgomery, the sum of \$2,243.85 for inspection service during 1952 and extra work involved in extension of line in Sepulveda Boulevard and changes in Hawthorne Boulevard. (From Water Bond Funds).

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the recommendations on Items 1 and 2 under "Appropriations". Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked City Manager Stevenes if a list of expenditures paid out to date could be had. Mr. Stevens said there was a list.

Clerk Bartlett recommended the appointment of I. J. Hallanger as Accountant, effective December 1, 1952, at the compensation set forth as the fifth step for the position.

Councilman Drale moved the recommendation be approved. Motion, was seconded by Councilman Spelman.

Councilman Benstead questioned the rate of pay and said the recommendation should be sent to the Civil Service Board.

Mr. Hallanger explained his seven previous years experience with the City and his Civil Service status when he left. He continued "I wrote the Commission and had a reply. I was told when the position was again open, I would qualify - I feel after spending seven years in this job, I do not see why I would have to start all over again." Discussion continued on the question of reinstatement. The City Attorney was asked for an opinion, and he replied that he would approve him going back to the position he had held before he left and said the City Council has the power to reinstate a man to the position he formerly held.

Councilman Drale moved that I. J. Hallanger be employed at the compensation set forth as the fifth step for the position, in accordance with the opinion of the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett recommended that Frances Giaquinto, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve her probationary period as stenographer-clerk in the City Clerk's office, effective January 5, 1953, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.

Councilman Benstead moved the recommendation be approved. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Harriett V. Leech, City Treasurer, appointing I. J. Hallanger as Deputy City Treasurer.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the appointment. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from the Planning Commission requesting approval of a \$35.00 refund on an application for a conditional permit for the establishment of a church in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) zone, the application having been received in error.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:22 p.m. recess was declared. The meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m. Councilman Spelman left the meeting at this time.

Councilman Benstead moved that the bids on pumping equipment be referred to the Consulting Engineer for study and report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Blount seconded the motion which carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved that the bids of Lund Co. on Comprehensive Liability, including automobiles, in the amount of \$19,241.56, be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.



Councilman Blount moved that the bid of Torrance General Insurance Agency on Fire, Theft and Comprehensive on City Vehicles, in the amount of \$463.29, be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount moved that the bid of Alter Realty & Insurance who submitted the low bid on Moneys and Securities, in the amount of \$168.75, be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount moved that Sam Pearce be awarded the contract for 12" Cast Iron, Distribution Water Mains, as the lowest responsible bidder, and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens stated that sometime ago we authorized an audit of the 1911 Sewer District Funds and that Mr. Logan Cotton, City Auditor, had given a maximum estimate of \$400.00 for this audit. Mr. Stevens asked that this amount be appropriated and authority given to proceed with the audit.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 624

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR LICENSING AND REGULATING THE CARRYING ON OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS, TRADES, CALLINGS AND OCCUPATIONS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; PRESCRIBING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 483 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Councilman Drale asked the City Clerk if he was satisfied with the ordinance, and he replied that it was the best ordinance we had ever had.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 624 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2344

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEFINING CERTAIN WORDS AND PHRASES USED IN BUSINESS LICENSE NO. 624, DESCRIBING CERTAIN BUSINESSES LICENSED UNDER SAID ORDINANCE NO. 624 AND REGULATIONS THEREOF, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2014.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2344. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 612

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LAND USE PLAN WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CREATING TEN (10) DISTRICTS; REGULATING THE USE OF PROPERTY, HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES, AND OPEN SPACES FOR LIGHT AND VENTILATION; ADOPTING A MAP OF SAID DISTRICTS; DEFINING TERMS USED; PROVIDING FOR THE ADJUSTMENT, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT THEREOF; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Councilman Drale asked if this Ordinance outlaws people operating businesses in their homes. City Attorney Hall did not recall such a provision and said he would have to check the ordinance.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 612 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 625

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE 1948 EDITION OF THE HEATING AND VENTILATING CODE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS INCORPORATED IN THE 1948 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 625 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale moved that the 1952 record include the City Council's approval of the annexation of Alondra Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Mayor Schwab stated he would not vote on the annexation until he has given it more thought and knows more about it. After further discussion, Clerk Bartlett called the roll which was as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Spelman.

Councilman Drale moved that the matter be carried over for a specific recommendation at the next Regular Council Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager that the Edison Co. be requested to install lights between 101 Highway and Hawthorne Blvd.. He was advised that the lights had been ordered.

Mr. Russell Lund asked if he could attend an Agenda Meeting of the Council to discuss problems of safety in the City. The request was granted.

A delegation of residents from Redondo Beach, whose property has been damaged by dirt, as well as oil on the street, being washed down from the new subdivision located on the east boundary of Redondo Beach, asked the Council if they could not do something to remedy this condition. There was considerable discussion as to what action the City could take. The residents were informed that this tract is private property and the City had done about all it can do by withholding final approval of the tract until the contractor plants the slope. As to the oil in the street, the City of Torrance had no jurisdiction over this matter.

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There being no further business, Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 10:10 p.m. Councilman Blount moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California